

to respect for human rights and the rule of law, to support for free trade, and even to an intense passion for basketball and baseball! We are also crazy about Jeremy Lin and Jianmin Wang! Taiwan cherishes its long-standing friendship with the United States and will always cherish the values and culture that the Chinese people have developed over five thousand years. Preserving the Republic of China has immense importance that goes far beyond the borders of Taiwan. For the first time in Chinese history, we in Taiwan have proved that democracy can thrive in a Chinese society. It presents shining ray of hope to the 1.3 billion Chinese people on the mainland. I know how much this means to the government and people of the United States, just as it does to my administration and the people of Taiwan.

Ladies and gentlemen, my administration will steer this democracy through the sea of change in East Asia. We will endeavor to strengthen peace and prosperity in the Taiwan Straits; and, in the meantime, we will strive for an enhanced international presence for Taiwan that allows it to play its role as a responsible stakeholder in the international community. I feel nothing but confidence about the future of the Republic of China!

Thank you.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL F. ADAMS

• Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the career of Dr. Michael F. Adams, who stepped down as president of the University of Georgia on June 30 after 16 years of dedicated service to our State university.

Dr. Adams became president on June 11, 1997, and he immediately began his work to make the University of Georgia one of the Nation's top public research universities. Under his leadership, UGA has excelled tremendously and student quality has risen steadily. He is one of America's best known and longest serving university presidents.

Dr. Adams' dedication to improving the university's facilities and infrastructure is evident upon visiting the campus. He secured over \$1 billion in new construction programs through his foundation of the UGA Real Estate Foundation. The university has undergone incredible renovations and now boasts the nation's most state-of-the-art facilities. Adams has overseen the construction of the East Campus Village, the Georgia Museum of Art, the Tate Student Center and the Richard B. Russell Special Collections Library. His commitment to providing students with the best learning environment is apparent throughout the highly impressive and ever-improving campus.

Under Adams' leadership, the University of Georgia has achieved the highest rankings in its history, with the U.S. News and World Report ranking UGA in its top 20 public research universities for 8 out of the past 10 years. Student enrollment has grown from 29,000 to 35,000 students. UGA has become more selective and student quality is at its best. Adams oversaw the

establishment of five new colleges and schools, increasing the diversity of academic programs and fields of study. While the university continued to excel academically, the Georgia Bulldogs' rich tradition of athletics flourished as well, with 27 national championship titles, 58 SEC Titles, and 125 individual titles.

It comes as no surprise Adams has received over 50 awards in higher education throughout his time with the university, including the Knight Foundation Award for Presidential Leadership, the Pioneer Award for Leadership in Civil Rights, and the James T. Rogers Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He has also been listed as one of Georgia Trend magazine's Most Influential Georgians for 11 years in a row.

I am honored to have attended the University of Georgia and grateful for all that President Adams has done to make it the educational standard that it is today. I thank him for his service to the University of Georgia and to our great State.●

##### REMEMBERING REV. CAESAR CAVIGLIA

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, I wish to offer a tribute honoring the life and work of Father Caesar Caviglia. Father Caviglia was a dedicated community leader from my home State of Nevada who passed away this week. He touched the lives of countless Nevadans and will be long remembered for his compassion, faith, and service to his church and community.

Father Caviglia was a lifelong Nevadan who spent more than half a century as a minister and educator. Throughout his life, he served in various capacities across the entire State. He was born in Ely, NV in 1928, and returned to the Silver State after being ordained and earning multiple degrees in philosophy, theology and education. He was a committed educator who spent time teaching at Bishop Manogue Catholic High School and the University of Nevada, Reno before moving to the southern part of the State to serve as the superintendent of Nevada State Catholic Schools.

Father "C," as he was known by his parishioners, spent much of his ministry serving as the parish priest at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Henderson, NV. Throughout his time there, he took on a variety of leadership roles and was active in advocating for important issues affecting those he served. He was a member of the faculty at the Henderson Campus of the College of Southern Nevada, where he taught sociology, anthropology and philosophy. He played a key role in the construction of that campus, and one of its academic buildings is named in his honor. He returned to Ely to begin his retirement, but soon after, he resumed his role of service as the administrator at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where he served until 2008.

Father Caviglia spent a lifetime devoted to serving his community and serves as an example to us all. I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Father Caesar Caviglia, and offer my deepest condolences to his family and parishioners as they mourn the loss of this great Nevadan.●

##### TRIBUTE TO ALAYNA ACKERMAN

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Alayna Ackerman, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Alayna is a graduate of St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently, she is attending University of South Dakota, where she is majoring in criminal justice and political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Alayna for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

##### TRIBUTE TO TARA AL-HAJ

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Tara Al-Haj, a page in the United States Senate, for all of the hard work she has done for the Senate and its staff.

Tara is currently attending Stevens High School in Rapid City, SD, where she will be entering her junior year this fall. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of this unique experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Tara for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

##### TRIBUTE TO ERIKA BACHMEIER

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Erika Bachmeier, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Erika is a graduate of Central High School in Aberdeen, SD. Currently, she is attending the University of North Dakota, where she is majoring in occupational therapy. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Erika for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

##### TRIBUTE TO MADISON BLAKE

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Madison Blake, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Madison is a graduate of Liberty High School in Liberty, MO. Currently, she is attending the University of Missouri, where she is majoring in health